

ABSOLUTE RATING: Average

IMPROVEMENT RATING: Below Average

Number of Elementary schools with students like ours: 97.

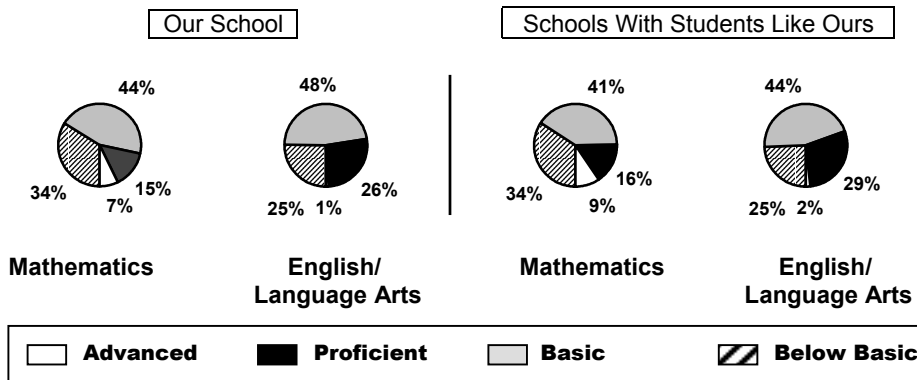
The absolute ratings for those schools ranged from below average to good. For improvement ratings, the range was from unsatisfactory to excellent.

RATINGS OVER A 4-YEAR PERIOD



(Definitions of School Rating Terms on Page 4)

PALMETTO ACHIEVEMENT CHALLENGE TESTS (PACT) RESULTS



DEFINITIONS OF CRITICAL TERMS:

- Advanced** – Student performance exceeded expectations.
- Proficient** – Student performance met expectations.
- Basic** – Student performance met minimum performance expectations.
- Below Basic** – Student performance did not meet minimum performance expectations.

Science scores are to be reported on the 2004 School Report Card. Social studies scores are to be reported on the 2005 School Report Card.

PERCENT OF STUDENTS SCORING BASIC OR ABOVE ON THE PACT				
Student Group	English/ Language Arts	Math	Science	Social Studies
All students (n=266)	74.8	66.2	N/A	N/A
Students with disabilities other than Speech (n=16)	N/A	N/A		
Students without disabilities (n=246)	79.7	69.1		
Gender				
Male (n=130)	66.9	68.2		
Female (n=132)	84.8	64.2		
Ethnic Group				
African American (n=96)	66.7	47.4		
Hispanic (n=5)	N/A	N/A		
White (n=159)	82.4	77.8		
Other (n=2)	N/A	N/A		
Lunch Status Group				
Free/reduced-price Lunch (n=145)	68.3	56.1		
Pay for lunch (n=117)	85.5	78.8		

SCHOOL PROFILE

INDICATORS OF SCHOOL PERFORMANCE

	Our School	Change From Last Year	Schools with Students like ours	Median Elementary School
SCHOOL				
• Dollars spent per student	\$4,944	N/A	\$5,235	\$5,347
• Prime instructional time	88%	Down from 91.1%	90.1%	90.2%
• Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	18.8 to 1	N/A	18.4 to 1	18.7 to 1
STUDENTS (n=560)				
• Attendance Rate	96%	Down from 96.2%	96%	96.2%
• Students with disabilities other than speech taking PACT (ELA) off grade level	6.1%	N/A	4.1%	4.1%
• Students with disabilities other than speech taking PACT (math) off grade level	3.4%	N/A	3.1%	3.1%
• First graders who attended full day kindergarten	95.1%	Up from 93.4%	96.6%	96.3%
• Meeting grade 1 and 2 readiness standards	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
• Retention rate	2.1%	Down from 4%	3.8%	3.6%
TEACHERS (n=41)				
• Professional Development days per teacher	5 Days	Down from 7	7.3 Days	7.6 days
• Attendance Rate	93.3%	Down from 95.9%	95.1%	95.1%
• Teachers with advanced degrees	34.1%	Up from 25%	45.8%	47.7%
• Continuing contract teachers	87.8%	Up from 82.5%	85.4%	83.8%
• Teachers with out-of-field permits	0%	No change	0%	0.0%
• Teachers returning from the previous school year	90.3%	Up from 90%	88.5%	87.2%
• Average teacher salary	\$36,707	Up 5.9%	\$37,134	\$37,520

SCHOOL FACTS

	Our School	Change From Last Year	Schools with Students like ours	Median Elementary School
SCHOOL				
• Percentage of expenditures spent on teacher salaries	68.1%	N/A	65.5%	65.3%
• Principal's years at the school	3	N/A	4	4.0
• Parents attending conferences	99%	N/A	95.7%	95.6%
• Opportunities in the arts	Good	N/A	Good	Good
STUDENTS				
• On academic plans	45.5%	Up from 25%	45.5%	43.1%
• On academic probation	0%	N/A	0%	0.0%
• Older than usual for grade	90.8%	Up from 0.2%	1.3%	1.1%
• Suspended or expelled	5	N/A	1	1
• Gifted and talented	12.7%	Up from 9.4%	10.5%	11.5%
• With disabilities other than speech	8.3%	Up from 7.2%	8.6%	8.4%



PRINCIPAL'S / SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL REPORT

The mission of J. D. Lever Elementary School is to prepare our students to reach their highest potential and become productive members of society by providing excellence in teaching, a nurturing home, school, and community environment, and meaningful learning experiences that foster a desire to become life-long learners. Our school offers opportunities to involve parents not only in school activities, but also as partners in the educational process of their children. Through our Foster Grandparent Program, committees involving community members, and numerous volunteers, we are able to involve the community in the education of our students. Our Service Learning Program is also an excellent outreach to the community.

J. D. Lever is a Title 1 school and through this program we are able to lower our pupil-teacher ratio in kindergarten through fifth grades. We also offer full-time art, music, and physical education programs to all students. The "science enrichment" class, recently added to the curriculum, enhances our science program. To allow teachers to focus on instruction rather than routine medical and health issues, Lever staffs a full-time clinic aide. To improve behavior and lower the number of out-of-school suspensions, our school maintains a Behavior Management Program that is funded through Title 1.

J. D. Lever is proud to have the distinction of being the only school in South Carolina to participate in a reading and math incentive program sponsored by Beaulieu of America. We received \$8,000.00 for reaching and exceeding reading and math goals established by the company. Students read over 91,000 books this year. Because of our goal to have all students score basic or above in math and reading on PACT, all programs are research-based and effective in instructional and school improvement practices. Renee Mack, Principal

EVALUATIONS BY TEACHERS AND STUDENTS

Percent	Teachers	Students	Parents
Satisfied with learning environment	95.1	88.0	(Avail. 2002)
Satisfied with social and physical environment	97.6	88.0	
Satisfied with home-school relations	92.5	96.0	

DEFINITIONS OF SCHOOL RATING TERMS

Excellent – School performance substantially exceeds the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

Good – School performance exceeds the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

Average – School performance meets the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

Below Average – School is in jeopardy of not meeting the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

Unsatisfactory – School performance fails to meet the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

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2404 Columbia Highway, North
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Grades K-5 Elementary School

Enrollment: 560 Students

Principal

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THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

Annual School
Report Card

2001



School Grade:
Average

South Carolina Performance Goal:

By 2010, South Carolina's student achievement will be ranked in the top half of the states nationally. To achieve this goal, we must become one of the five fastest improving systems in the country.

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